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Elements for inclusion in part of a declaration of UNCTAD II on item 14 referring to institutional arrangements

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1. UNCTAD II should make provision for the establishment, as soon as possible, but not later than the end of 1968, of a Permanent Committee to deal with specific problems relating to trade expansion, economic co-operation and integration among developing countries, in particular those referred to in Section F of the Charter of Algiers. In this connexion, arrangements shall be made to establish suitable mechanisms or procedures for the implementation of the recommendations of the Conference regarding this item, particularly the declaration of support. Detailed terms of reference for the permanent committee shall be worked out by the Trade and Development Board at its seventh session, taking into account the responsibilities and work of the regional economic commissions and other regional or sub-regional bodies.

2. The Secretary-General of UNCTAD shall undertake the necessary steps with the GATT Director-General with a view to arranging that the Trade Negotiations Committee set up by developing countries that are Contracting Parties of the GATT would operate within a joint GATT/UNCTAD framework and be serviced by both Secretariats.

3. A special centre to train experts in the field of trade expansion, economic co-operation and integration among developing countries shall be established under the auspices of UNCTAD and other specialized agencies in this field. The Secretary-General of UNCTAD shall, after consultation with the regional economic commissions and other regional or sub-regional bodies, submit suggestions to this effect to the seventh session of the Trade and Development Board.

4. The Secretary-General of UNCTAD is requested:

(a) in keeping with the wishes that may be expressed by Regional Commissions and other regional bodies, to arrange that the research efforts of the Secretariat in this field shall be directed towards finding practical solutions for specific problems that tend to arise in trade expansion and integration efforts among developing countries and that are of common interest to various developing regions; to regularly disseminate information and data on the experiences acquired in the various developing regions in dealing with problems of trade expansion, economic co-operation and integration; to establish a small nucleus of highly qualified advisers to be put at the disposal of the regional commissions, if they request it, for short-term advisory services particularly with respect to the problems on which the Secretariat would have concentrated its research efforts. UNDP should consider making provision for these arrangements;

(b) to establish and keep up, upon the indications received from countries and other bodies, a roster of names of experts that could in principle be drawn upon with respect to each of the specific problems arising in trade expansion and integration processes. Subject to the procedures of UNDP, a choice of names for a particular job description would be submitted to the requesting bodies and countries which can then enter directly into contact with the experts. Upon specific request, the UNCTAD secretariat may also assist in seeking out suitable candidates for a particular job description.